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SUBJECT: SALINITY: SECRETARY ROGER'S STATEMENT

1. QUOTED BELOW FOR THE RECORD IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT ON SALINITY MADE BY SECRETARY ROGERS FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AT LOS PINOS ON MAY 13. REMAINDER OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, INCLUDING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS, ALREADY CABLED TO USIA WASHINGTON.
2. "I WAS MOST PLEASED TO DELIVER TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA THIS MORNING, AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT NIXON, MY GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL TO RESOLVE THE COLORADO RIVER SALINITY PROBLEM.
3. PURSUANT TO THE JOINT PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA LAST JUNE, PRESIDENT NIXON TOOK IMMEDIATE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WATER DELIVERED TO MEXICO. HE ALSO APPOINTED MR. HERBERT BROWNELL, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, AS HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO FIND A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE SALINITY PROBLEM.
4. THE SALINITY OF THE WATER MADE AVAILABLE TO MEXICO AT THE BOUNDARY HAS ALREADY BEEN REDUCED BY THE AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 100 PARTS PER MILLION CALLED FOR IN THE COMMUNIQUE.
5. MR. BROWNELL MADE AN ON- THE- SPOT INVESTIGATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY

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SUBMITTED CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT ON DECEMBER 29. AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF HIS REPORT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT NIXON APPROVED THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS EARLY THIS WEEK.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT THE US PROPOSAL, WITH ACCOMPANYING RELATED UNDERSTANDINGS, CAN CONSTITUTE THE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING A PERMANENT, DEFINITIVE, AND JUST SOLUTION TO THE COLORADO RIVER SALINITY PROBLEM.

7. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA NOW WANTS TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL. MR. BROWNELL WOULD BE GLAD TO COME TO MEXICO CITY TO DISCUSS AND EXPLAIN THE PROPOSAL, IF THAT SHOULD BE PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S WISH.

8. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS PROPOSAL WILL NOW MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO REACH THE KIND OF AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE YET ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ALREADY EXCELLENT RELATIONS."  
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